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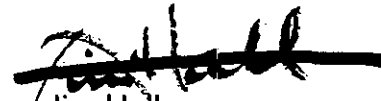
Dear Captain Beattie:

After discussing the TWA Flight 800 investigation support requirements with FBI Assistant Director Kallstrom and our senior staffs, we believe it would be in the best interests of the Government for the Navy to retain ownership of the Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant at Calverton, New York, through fiscal year 1998. This will ensure the security and integrity of the investigation, that may otherwise be compromised if not under positive Government control.

We understand the concerns of Riverhead Township relative to their intended use of the property, and will be glad to work with them and accommodate any reasonable requests for access to the facility that does not interfere with the investigation.

Please let me know the best way to pursue this issue; I would be glad to meet and discuss it if that would be useful. Please call me directly at 202-314-6010, or you may call Paul Voorhees at 202-314-6211. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Hall  
Chairman

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